

HOUSE BILL 2582
By Cole (Carter)

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 55, Chapter 4, Part 2, relative to special license plates for honorably discharged veterans.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 55-4-253(c), is amended by deleting subdivision (2) in its entirety, and by substituting instead the following new language:

(2) The design of such special plates as are issued shall bear the name of the county of issue on the lower edge of the tag.

(3) For honorably discharged veterans, the American flag shall be in the center of the tag.

(4) For Vietnam veterans, who are honorably discharged, the center emblem shall be crossed American and Republic of Vietnam flags. A Southeast Asia campaign medal shall have been awarded in order to obtain the Vietnam veteran tag.

(5) For World War II veterans, the strip along the bottom of the license plate shall read "WW II Veteran", and the symbol on the left shall be the Honorable Service Lapel Pin, also known as the "ruptured duck". Proof of honorable military service between December 7, 1941 and December 31, 1946, shall be required to obtain such plate.

(6) For Korean War veterans, the strip along the bottom of the license plate shall read "Korean War Veteran", and the symbol on the left shall be crossed American and

Republic of Korea flags. A Korean Service Medal shall have been awarded for an honorably discharged veteran to obtain such plate.

(7) For Operation Desert Storm veterans, the strip along the bottom of the license plate shall read "Desert Storm Veteran", and the symbol on the left shall be crossed American and Kuwait flags. Award of the Southwest Asia Service medal and proof of honorable service shall be required for a veteran to obtain such plate.

SECTION 2. The commissioner of safety is authorized to promulgate rules and regulations to effectuate the purposes of this act. All such rules and regulations shall be promulgated in accordance with the uniform administrative procedures act, codified title 4, chapter 5.

SECTION 3. This act shall take effect July 1, 1996, the public welfare requiring it.